



SARATOGA PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 23, 2016

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Civic Theater | 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga CA 95070

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft Regular Meeting Action Minutes from March 9, 2016

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1. NEW BUSINESS

None

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Applicants and/or their representatives have a total of ten (10) minutes maximum for opening statements. All interested persons may appear and be heard during this meeting regarding the items on this agenda. If items on this agenda are challenged in court, members of the public may be limited to raising only issues raised at the Public Hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to the close of the Public Hearing. Members of the public may comment on any item for up to three (3) minutes. Applicants and/or their representatives have a total of five (5) minutes maximum for closing statements.

- 2.1. Appeal of tree removal permit application TRP15-0380 to remove one Italian stone pine at 12990 Regan Lane.

Recommended Action:

Consider new arborist report and make a determination about whether the tree qualifies for removal according to City Code tree removal criteria listed in Article 15-50.080.

Cover Memo

1 - Arborist report dated March 11, 2016 by Joseph McNeil obtained by the appellant

2 - Letter from Richard Gessner, Consulting Arborist

3 - Email from Marilyn Bierach in support of appeal

4 - Original staff report and resolution

5 - Resolution with new number and revised date of approval

6 - Arborist report dated September 28, 2016 by Brian McGovern

7 - Italian stone pine failure profile

8 - Tree removal permit TRP15-0380

9 - Appeal application APTR15-0004

10 - Denied tree removal permit application TRP15-0003

11 - Email from Megan Leney with correspondence between her and Devyani

Abhyankar

12- Correspondence from neighbors and Saratoga residents

3. OTHER BUSINESS

- 3.1. Planning Commission Criteria for Excused Absence

Recommended Action:

Review the Planning Commission's criteria for excused absences and provide direction on potential changes.

Criteria for Excused Absence

DIRECTOR ITEMS

COMMISSION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Signed this 18th day of March 2016 at Saratoga, California.

Crystal Bothelio, City Clerk

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